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Art Unit	3737
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Attorney Docket Number	AFAN-003

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Power of Attorney

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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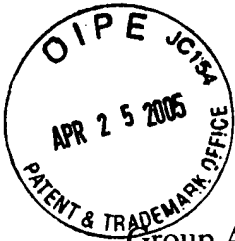
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Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal; a Response to the Final Office Action dated October 25, 2004; a Request for Extension of Time; Power of Attorney; and a Check in the amount of \$905.00 for the RCE fee and a three month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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